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TAGS:PFOR, CY, TU

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF TURKISH PLAN TO CONSTRUCT AIRBASE IN
CYPRUS

1. CYPRUS AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU CALLED ON EUR/SE DIRECTOR EAGLETON MARCH 4 ON INSTRUCTION TO DRAW ATTENTION TO REPORTS THAT TURKS WERE UPROOTING BOTH ENCLAVED GREEK-CYPRIOTS AND TURKISH-CYPRIOTS AT AYIOS EPIKTITOS IN KYRENIA AREA IN PREPARATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MILITARY AIR FIELD. DIMITRIOU TERMED ACTION, IF TRUE, AS ANOTHER IN SERIES OF FAITS ACCOMPLI IMPOSED BY THE TURKS IN CYPRUS AND ONE WHICH WOULD COMPLICATE THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. HE ASKED THAT USG USE INFLUENCE WITH TURKEY TO STOP AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION.

2. EAGLETON NOTED THERE HAD BEEN A DENIAL BOTH IN ANKARA AND BY THE TURKISH-CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES BUT THAT WE WOULD
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SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION TO ASCERTAIN TRUE FACTS.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ACTION
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STATEMENTS.

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